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Information and communication technology strategy

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 57/304 of 15 April 2003,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Information and communication technology strategy: implementation of General Assembly resolution 57/304 of 15 April 2003",[1]

Having also considered the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Managing information in the United Nations system organizations: management information systems",[2] the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[4]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General,[1] and welcomes the steps being taken to address all requests contained in its resolution 57/304;

2. *Reiterates* the need to indicate the return on investment for planned and proposed major projects in terms that are as quantitative as possible;

3. *Takes note* of the report of the Joint Inspection Unit[2] and of the comments of the Secretary-General and those of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination thereon,[3] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[4]

[1] A/58/377.
[2] See A/58/82.
[3] See A/58/82/Add.1.
[4] A/58/389.

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